



**City of Los Angeles  
WATERSHED PROTECTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT**

**CASE # 26033  
HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT CLEAN UP REPORT**

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**SYNOPSIS**

March 22, 2016 - clean-up of a homeless encampment authorized at 4640 Vermont Place, Los Angeles, CA 90029. A health hazard assessment was performed and biological, hazardous and solid waste was located, collected and hauled to legal disposal.

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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
WATERSHED PROTECTION DIVISION  
COMPLAINT INSPECTION REPORT**



**DATE:** March 22, 2015

**CASE ID NUMBER(S):** 26033

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 13

**AUTHORIZATION NUMBER:** 2015-00991

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 4640 Vermont Place, Los Angeles, CA 90029

**LEAD INSPECTOR:** SMITH, MILLER

**SUBJ:** HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP

**OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- WPD – security, incident command, health hazard inspection and assessments, collect and transport personal property according to protocol,
- Solids – collect solid waste/trash in the trash truck to transport and dispose all solid waste,
- Clean Harbors – spray disinfectant, collect – transport – dispose of all hazardous waste collected.
- LAPD – provide security for operational teams

An operations and health & safety meeting was performed by WPD with all of agencies and staff present for the cleanup. It was clearly made to all present that any and all potential personal property was to be put aside for health hazard assessment by WPD. Major safety concerns included hazardous waste, sharps/biohazards, vectors and proper use of any and all personal protective equipment (PPE).

**REPORT**

At approximately 0800 hours on March 22, 2016, Watershed Protection Division (WPD) Officers Smith and Miller arrived at the incident location; 4640 Vermont Place, Los Angeles, CA 90029. **Two (2)** homeless encampments were encountered; trash and debris were found in the impacted area. LAPD assisted with the temporary relocation of the homeless occupants from the cleanup area. One female occupant of location 2 needed to be detained by LAPD because she was belligerent and uncooperative. Various trash and debris were located and disposed of accordingly. Agencies on scene were Sanitation Solids and Clean Harbors Environmental Services.

- **~Location 1. Doorway.**
  - Soiled mattress [1]
  - Urine container [1]
  - Feces [5]
  - Misc. trash/debris

All articles from location #1 were determined as bulky, contaminated, and/or broken and were disposed of accordingly.

- **~Location 2. Blue tent.**
  - Bulky items [6]
  - Mattress [1]
  - Ripped tent [1]
  - Purple suitcase – ripped [1]
  - Soiled pillow [1]
  - Soiled clothing [~25]
  - Tent and poles [1]
  - Blankets [4]
  - Toiletries
  - Video camera [1]
  - Pairs of shoes [3]
  - Clothing items [~15]
  - Sharps [72]
  - Misc. trash/debris
- **Storage**
  - **Bag 1 of 2**
    - Tent and poles [1]
    - Blankets [4]
    - Toiletries
    - Video camera [1]
  - **Bag 2 of 2**
    - Clothing items [~15]
    - Pairs of shoes [3]

Two bags of personal items were bagged, labeled, and transported for temporary storage. All other articles from location #2 were determined as bulky, contaminated, and/or broken and were disposed of accordingly.

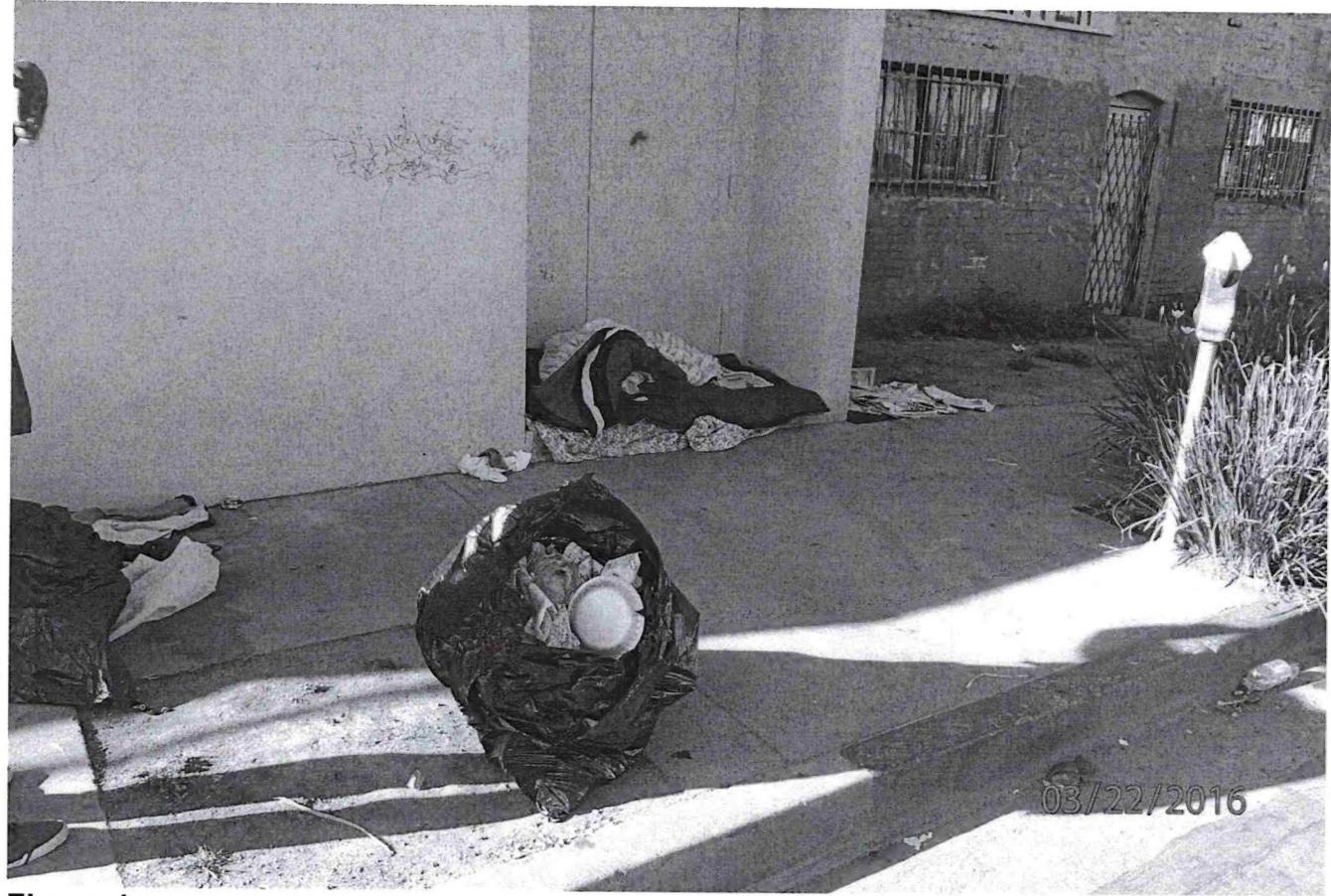
*All containers and plastic bags containing personal property were labeled, and transported to a storage facility located at 507 Towne Avenue, Los Angeles, CA. Stored items are kept for a period of 90 days. WPD posted information along the cleanup area informing owners as to the location and conditions of where personal items can be retrieved.*

#### **MITIGATION/CLEANUP**

Clean-up operations began at approximately 0900 hours and completed at 1030 hours. Clean Harbors and Sanitation solids personnel cleaned the area of misc. bulky items, trash and debris. Contaminated items were packed up for proper transport and disposal by Clean Harbors Environmental Services under uniform hazardous waste manifest **#009498879FLE**, and **#009494666FLE**. Approximately 0.25 tons of trash and debris was removed by Sanitation Solids.

#### **EVIDENCE/SAMPLES**

WPD Officer Smith obtained twenty nine (29) photographs and five (5) videos of the incident during the mitigation/clean up of the site. See figures below for representation of the incident site.



**Figure 1a.**

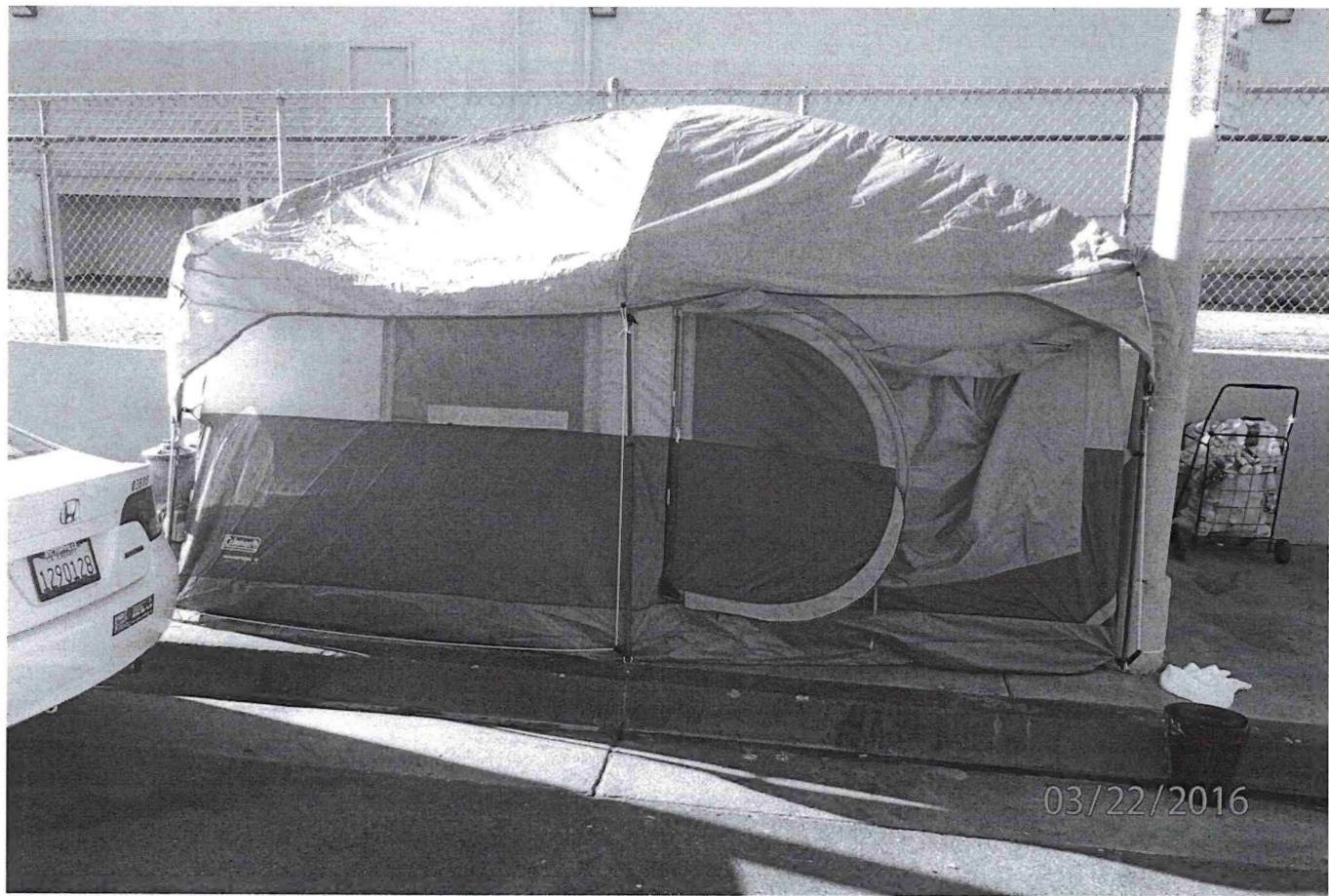
4640 Vermont Place. Before photo. Location 1

[Photograph by Smith 3/22/16]

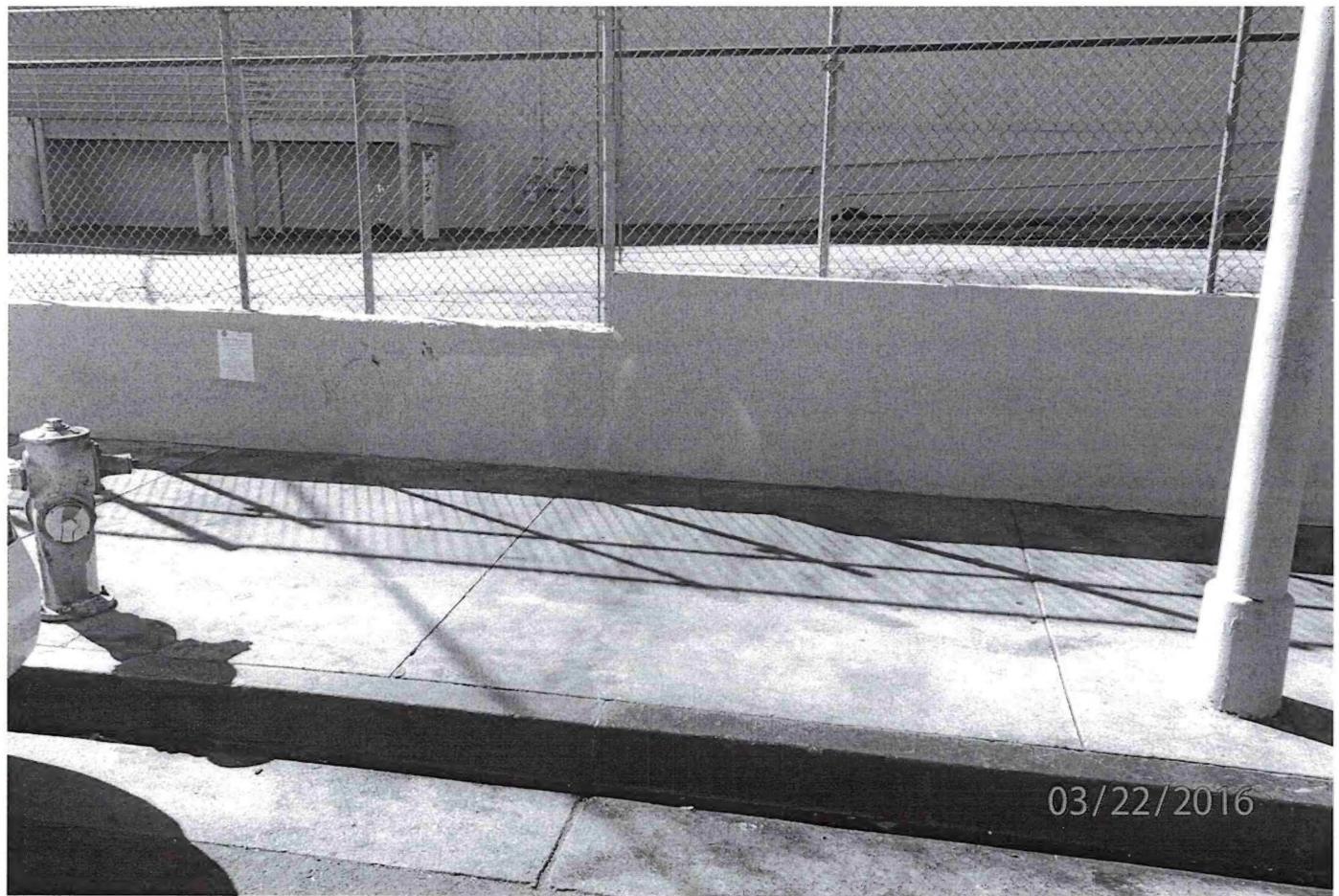


**Figure 1b.** After photo. Location 1.

[Photo taken by Smith 3/22/16]



**Figure 2a.**  
4640 Vermont Place. Before photo. Location 2  
[Photograph by Smith 3/22/16]



**Figure 2b.** After photo. Location 2.  
[Photo taken by Smith 3/22/16]

**FOLLOWUP REQUIRED: YES        NO  X**

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**OFFICERS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**LIEUTENANT INITIAL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**